

REMARKS

Independent Claim 61 is amended herein as indicated above, and no other change is made to the application. Thus, after entry of this amendment, Claims 61-80 are pending in the application, including independent Claims 61, 63 and 80. Due to dependency, Claims 62 is also affected by the present amendment.

No new matter is added. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 6 lines 23-25 of Applicant's specification. The "symbols" that are described as animated in the Applicant's specification are clearly graphical. The dictionary definition of the term "graphic" is provided as follows: "3. of, pertaining to, or expressed by writing: *graphic symbols*." (*Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language*, 1989, dilithium Press, Ltd.). Such graphic symbols are the subject of animation techniques in the example as set forth in Applicant's specification at page 3, line 15 to page 6, line 19.

The present amendment of Claim 61 clarifies the scope of Claim 1 as originally filed (previous Claim 61, as resubmitted). As such, the amendment does not narrow Claim 61. Instead, the amendment merely clarifies language that may be ambiguous if viewed in the absence of context, such as is properly provided by Applicant's specification.

In section 2 of the current Office Action, the Examiner allows claims 63-80. The Applicant appreciates this indication of allowable subject matter.

In section 4 of the current Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 61 and 62 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,884,972 ("Gaspar"). Claim 61 is amended herein, and favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 61, as presently amended, recites:

A method of presenting, on a computer controlled display device, transformation rules of abstract representations using animations of graphical abstract symbols to simulate continuous transformations.

Gaspar is "primarily intended for teaching language skills" (col. 2 lines 59-60). To this end, Gaspar describes animation of figures pronouncing spoken sounds. For example, the Abstract of Gaspar recites: "... the animated character pronounces the name and sound of the letter inscribed on the tile." Gaspar does not teach, describe or fairly suggest "animations of graphical abstract symbols." As such, it is respectfully submitted that Gaspar fails to anticipate Claim 61 as presently amended, and therefore also fails to anticipate Claim 62, which depends therefrom. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejection of Claims 61 and 62.

Allowable Claims

Upon withdrawal of the present rejection of Claims 61 and 62, and barring an uncovering of further grounds for rejection, no claims will stand rejected and the application will therefore be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to promptly issue a notice of allowability.

The Commissioner is authorized to construe this paper as including a petition to extend the period for response by the number of months necessary to make this paper timely filed. Fees or deficiencies required to cause the response to be complete and timely filed may be charged, and any overpayments should be credited, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0490.

Respectfully submitted,

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